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DEFENSE TEAM.—It will take 60 to 90 days to build up a staff to administer price and wage controls, the men who are to do the job predict. They are, left to right, Price Administrator Michael DiSalle, Wage Board Chairman Cyrus Ching, and Economic Stabilizer Alan Valentine. Industry refused to cooperate in voluntary controls. (LPA)

Office Workers In Yule Feast

Office employees of the various AFL unions in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties were guests of Office Employees Union 94 at a banquet last week at Loma Linda, near Watsonville.

Attending the event, a celebration for union office crews only, were Jeannette Zoccoli, secretary of Local 94; Lillian Johnson, employed by Laborers Union 272 of Salinas; Margaret Brown, from office of Carpenters 925 at Salinas; Mildred Atup, Bernice Redlin and Frances Haynes, all from Teamsters Union 890 at Salinas; Mildred Rowe and Hazel Shireman, from Culinary-Bartenders 345, Watsonville office, and Florence Wallace, employed by Teamsters 287, Watsonville office.

Bartenders 545 To Fete Leaders At Dinner Party

Newly-elected officers of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 will be guests of honor at a dinner party at noon on Monday, Jan. 8, at which time C. T. McDonough, international representative, will be in attendance.

Incoming and outgoing officers will be honored at the party, place of which has not been determined, Union Sec. A. J. Clark reports.

McDonough will install the new officers of the union at a meeting which will follow the dinner. Local 545 moved its meeting from Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) to Jan. 8 in order to have the dinner and installation ceremonies on the same day and to avoid conflict with the holiday.

Set Area Control Of Manpower

(Labor Dept. Release)
Washington, D.C.—Sec. of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, at the conclusion of the first meeting of the Management-Labor Committee on Defense Manpower, announced that regional and area labor-management committees will be established over the country to help carry out the national defense program.

The labor-management committees, composed of leading officials in both fields, will operate in conjunction with interdepartmental federal agency committees also set up in regions and areas, and "the full power of the procurement agencies will be used for the purpose of bringing about sound employment practices," Tobin said.

"We approach the problem of defense manpower with the conviction that if management and labor are fully informed concerning the problems facing this nation in defending itself, concerning the actions necessary for each to take to provide manpower to meet defense and essential civilian production, that they will take such action voluntarily and with a minimum of guidance," Tobin declared.

EYE WEST COAST
Initially, emphasis will be directed toward West Coast areas and the Chicago and Cleveland areas, Tobin pointed out. Regional committees will be established, he said, in 13 major cities, and area committees will be set up eventually in 151 industrial production centers. The regional committees will be composed of four labor and four management representatives, with the regional director of the

Department's Bureau of Employment Security as chairman.

Tobin announced that the committee had approved a statement of problems and aims of labor-management manpower cooperation to reduce job shopping, prevent labor pirating, developing the maximum utilization and stabilization of workers through cooperation, and aiding to develop necessary community resources such as transportation, housing, and child care wherever needed to develop manpower. The statement also emphasized the necessity of the fullest local community cooperation in meeting manpower needs and defense objectives.

The committee will be composed of 16 members, eight representing management, including agricultural management, and eight representing labor.

Present at the first meeting of the Management-Labor Committee on Defense Manpower were:

Daniel W. Tracy, president, Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL); Jacob Potofsky, president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (CIO); A. J. Hayes, president, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (independent); A. E. Lyon, executive secretary-treasurer, Railway Labor Executives' Assn. (independent); John Owens, secretary-treasurer, United Mine Workers (independent); Harry See, national legislative representative, representing four operating Railroad Brotherhoods (independent).

Claude A. Putnam, National Association of Manufacturers; Otto A. Seyferth, president, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

3,000 Kiddies Roar Acclaim of Labor's Annual Xmas Fete

SALINAS CLC CONTINUES AS C. OF C. MEMBER

Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas voted last week to renew its membership in the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, thus beginning its second year in this civic body, Secretary A. J. Clark reports.

During the past year, as result of cooperation between the merchant group and the labor council, the place of organized labor in the community has improved greatly, Clark added.

John Mullen, new legal counselor for the council, was introduced at the last meeting. The council engaged Mullen on a retainer basis a few weeks ago, Clark reports.

Donation of \$10 to the Gray Ladies of the Red Cross was voted, to aid the group in Christmas decorations at the County Hospital.

Laborers Union 272 reported eight new members by initiation; Roofers Union 40 reported election of officers scheduled this month, and Painters Union 1104 reported two new members. Other unions reported progress in current matters, the secretary said.

Peter N. Greco, business agent of Painters 1104, was reported as the best ticket-seller in the council, topping the field in raising funds for the Kiddies Christmas Party. Roy Hearn, also of Local 1104, was high on the list of salesmen, the council was informed.

In Union Circles

Carpenters employed by contractors who are a part of the Associated General Contractors of Northern California are trying to get a wage increase. Business Agents Hervey Baldwin of Salinas Local 925 and Thomas Eide of Monterey Local 1323 have been invited to a meeting in Oakland on Wednesday of this week to discuss the situation.

Attendance at the Christmas Party of Monterey Laborers Union 690 totaled in excess of 350 persons, mostly youngsters, Business Agent S. M. Thomas reports. It was the biggest party yet for this union.

Shirley Williams, office secretary for Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, was saddened last week by the death of her grandmother, who lived in Seaside. Shirley's many friends join in an expression of sympathy.

Alisal Opposes Annexation Move

For the second time in just over a year, residents of the Alisal district last week voted down a proposal for annexation to Salinas.

Vote was 1730 to annex, 1595 against. Last such election was in September 1949. Annexation of the big Alisal district would virtually have doubled the Salinas population.

Prime question for Salinas AFL union leaders this week is "Where now?" following last Saturday's Christmas party for kiddies which brought nearly 2500 youngsters into Salinas High School auditorium but left some 500 more outside, unable to get in.

Youngsters sat double on seats, on the floor, stood in the halls, and even overflowed onto the stage, but the annual event with its vaudeville show and visit by Santa Claus was the finest yet, guests and committeemen agreed. And with this, the largest auditorium available, the question of more space is up for next year.

Randolph Fenchel, general chairman of the Labor Council's committee, issued a special word of thanks to motion picture operators, (IATSE) Local 611, and Arø Reina, former president, for donation of stagehands and spotlight operators and also to Musicians Union 616 for providing the band led by Marion Walter, made possible through the AFM record royalty fund.

Harmony, efficiency, and cooperation among members of the general committee made the affair move so easily that 2,000 dollar gifts and bags of candy and fruit were given out in only about 30 minutes. Fenchel personally thanked all committee members and those who assisted in the affair, which now has become one of the county's major annual events.

Housing Units At Camp Roberts Sought by PHA

Application has been filed with the government for 200 housing units at Camp Roberts, just inside Monterey County near Bradley, the Monterey County Public Housing Authority announced last week.

The units will be temporary war housing, but will be built of substantial and lasting materials, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 and member of the housing authority.

Application was made to Congress for funds for such housing and Congress has already indicated it will appropriate funds, McGinley said.

Survey by the county housing group is continuing in the county to determine needs, especially in line with the defense preparations effort here.

There now are 100 housing units pending for the Salinas area, McGinley added.

Mont. Painters Keeping Busy

Despite adverse weather conditions, few members of Monterey Painters Union 272 have been idle, Bus. Agt. James L. Bolin reports. Work has continued good for the painters and prospects for the immediate future are bright, Bolin added.

Members of Local 272 and contractors and businessmen who contributed to the Painters' Annual, a publication of Painters Unions 272 of Monterey and 1104 of Salinas, are notified by Bolin that copies of the Annual are available now at the union's office, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. A telephone call will result in a copy being mailed to any interested party, Bolin said.

Carpenters 1323 First Xmas Party Attracts Crowd

A crowd so large that the meeting room could not hold all at once jammed into Carpenters Hall in Monterey last Friday night for the first Christmas Party ever held by Carpenters Union 1323.

The big meeting hall was decorated attractively by two members, M. T. Stone and Carroll Field, with streamers, Christmas tree, holly and bells. Other members gathered to fill stockings with goodies for the many youngsters present.

Children and wives of members of Local 1323 were guests of the union at the party. Santa Claus made an appearance for the youngsters and a good time was enjoyed, according to all reports.

Sardine Season Nearing Finale

Monterey's Cannery Row, which hummed as the 1950-51 sardine canning season got under way after a short dispute in August, will report one of the poorest seasons since the last war when the curtain rolls down on the fishing period next Jan. 15, union officials indicated last week.

After a heavy run of good fish in August, the plants have been unable to get any local fish and Monterey fishermen traveled to southern California waters, where the sardines apparently had gone. Boats returned for the Christmas holidays last week. Indications were that fishing locally was nearly over, although some good sardines were located nearby two weeks ago. Most of the pack by local plants has been of sardines brought by truck from the south, or of mackerel, squid or other local fish, union leaders said.

Plasterers 763 Have New Agent

Byron Burgner is now representing Salinas Plasterers Union 763 as business agent, having been elected at the last meeting of the union.

Burgner is on a part-time basis at present. He has established offices at the Labor Temple, where J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, is assisting in dispatching plasterers to the jobs. Burgner succeeds John Martins, who has moved from the area.

Apprentice Notes

Monterey Peninsula Electricians JAC: All apprentices attended the October meeting and their work experience records were brought up to date. The JAC has inaugurated the practice of having two apprentice representatives, selected alphabetically, attend each JAC meeting, so that each apprentice will be present at least once a year.

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DON'T FORGET THAT VICIOUS ELECTION! HERE IS OUR TASK

By PHIL HANNAH

Secretary-Treasurer Ohio State Federation of Labor

Columbus, Ohio.—On the heels of the election comes the realization that irresponsible people who will use the technique of the smear and the big lie can and do have too much influence for our national security.

The 1950 Ohio election campaign was a good example of the malicious smear attacks being carried on against labor by organized hate-labor groups through their control of newspapers, radio stations and magazines. We are deeply concerned over the success of these attacks.

With few exceptions, the newspapers dodged the real issues and waged a campaign of innuendo, accusations, half truths and outright lies. In this they were aided by their national syndicated columnists.

These tactics were used not only to elect Taft but to discredit organized labor as a whole by vilifying their leadership, and intimating that trade unionism is basically subversive and undemocratic.

There is no doubt that many voters, including members of our own unions, fell for this Soviet-like propaganda. The fact that Taft carried many of our large industrial centers would bear this out.

Therefore, the most vital task confronting organized labor today is to plan and put into effect a broad public relations policy to educate the public to a better understanding of our problem.

Labor must realize that its ability to function is closely tied into the legislative action of our government. The greatest gains by workers in this country have been embodied in social legislation.

The labor movement of this country cannot combat the wealth and power of its enemies unless it can get its program before the people. There is a need for a regular, reliable medium of information which will carry our program and directives to not only our own members but one that can be placed in the hands of the general public cheaply and regularly.

We must also apply practical means to strengthen all of our publicity mediums; radio, the local labor press, etc. We must enlist the cooperation of approved, friendly and sympathetic groups. Women's auxiliaries must be given representation on committees, and should be called upon for service on all occasions.

Sometimes in our eagerness for results we forget that some achievements can be attained only through our collective powers.

We must take our losses with our gains, and fight harder than

ever to protect our organizations.

We will continue our efforts to thrust the light of truth through the smokescreen of confusion and deception thrown up by those who would undermine the structure and hard-won standards of unions. We will continue to fight for the things that make America a better place to live.

No Failures Under Excess Profits Tax

Many businessmen say an excess profits tax would ruin them.

But Chairman Bob Doughton (D., N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee told his colleagues December 4:

"I think it significant that there was no testimony before our committee that a single business had failed as a result of the excess profits tax enacted in World War I or World War II."

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. phone 2-5002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Barnett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYPress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 955 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone Sutter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716, Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9253.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 376-J. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603; Sec., Mrs. Roy Brayton, 323 1/2 Central Ave., Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agt., Mrs. W. A. Pillar, 123 Prunedale, phone 9902. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9253.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7767.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:00 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Glikburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

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JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 238—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wiren St., phone Salinas 9494.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 29 (Business Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 1913 Grove St., Oakland, phone TWinoaks 3-5938. Sec., Marilyn E. Anglin; Bus. Agt., John B. Kinnick.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 513 James St., Fin. Sec. and B. A. Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Bert La Forge; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew, Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., I. H. Fischer, 128 Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Raymond Groth, 116 19th St., phone P.G. 5-3389. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec. Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Kerich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20618—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 511—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 959.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt, Sec., Peter A. Andrade; Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497. Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

Admiral Thanks Unions for Helping Seabees

Washington. (LPA)—Organized labor has been given a pat on the back for its help in strengthening the Seabees, by Rear Admiral Jos. F. Jelley, Chief of Naval Civil Engineers.

In a letter to all Seabee units, Admiral Jelley said they were now ready for all future assignments due to the formation of new groups for mobile construction battalions and development of an Organized Reserve.

"Cooperation by union labor in Seabee recruiting has been of the greatest value," the admiral wrote. "The fact that unions have helped publicize our Reserve program, particularly to point out we give chief petty officer ratings to skilled men, has helped fill the gaps."

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Washington (LPA)—Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric and chairman of the War Production Board of World War II, will head the new Defense Production Administration. Wilson is 64. As head of GE he gets \$175,000 a year.

The agency will be similar to the old WPB and take over the National Production Authority of the Department of Commerce. It will also have authority over new defense agencies in Agriculture, Interstate Commerce, Interior and RFC.

Other moves in preparation for defense were announced by the Pentagon. Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall and his aides told Congress they were opposed to full mobilization immediately.

Marshall said the important thing right now is to "lay down the assembly lines" so that full mobilization could be put into gear without hitches in the event of an all-out war.

Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter suggested that the Air Force was following such a plan. He said the Air Force will "grow slightly faster than any air force in the world" and that while it will be below "war strength" it will be at "readiness strength."

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EDITORIALS

CURBING INFLATION

Inflation is admittedly bad. It injures every wage earner by reducing the amount that his wages will buy. It does the same to all people who are so situated that they have to live on fixed incomes no matter what the source of those incomes may be. It reduces the value of the savings of everybody by the same percentage that the inflation attains, so that when money is inflated one hundred per cent a thousand dollars of savings, wage accumulations or receipts of cash from whatever source obtained, are reduced to one-half their former values. This means that one thousand dollars, so inflated, will not buy more than what five hundred could buy before the inflation started.

Endless nonsense is provided to the public by nearly all newspapers in regard to what can and should be done to curb and eliminate the harmful effects of such inflation. Probably the most advertised of these ridiculous nostrums is the advocacy of increasing taxes in order to absorb as much as possible of the remaining value or buying power of the inflated money. The theory seems to be that if all the money a man has or earns is taken from him by taxes he won't have any money left to buy anything else and the result will be that decreases in purchases will force sellers of goods to reduce their prices until the inflation disappears.

This is the kind of tommyrot that is so often advocated by much of our press as a recommended method for regulating and reducing inflated values of money. Can you conceive of worse bosh?

IS CONGRESS ASLEEP?

One of the wisest provisions incorporated in the Constitution of the United States is the one which gives Congress the power to issue all money and "regulate the value thereof." Consequently the only reason we possibly can have the ruinous inflation we are experiencing at the present time is that Congress is asleep, when it comes to performing its duty in exercising this vital power. By the way this power is used or misused by Congress the earnings of all of us are either protected or caused to vanish by permitted inflation for which Congress is definitely responsible.

When Congress was assigned the duty of regulating the value of money that meant exactly what the constitution says. When Congress falls down on the the job and makes such a dismal mess of performing its duty on using this most important power, as everybody can see by looking at the prevalence of uncontrolled inflation today it is high time that something were done to make our lawmakers aware of their shameful neglect in regulating the value of our money.

We have a Congress today, many of whose members busy themselves with enacting such nefarious and un-American laws as the McCarren act, but they have no time to do anything about the inflation of our money, which is driving increasing numbers of our most thrifty citizens into financial ruin. When will Congress proceed to do its duty in the matter of regulating the value of our money?

WE STILL PAY TRIBUTE

There were times in past periods of history when robber barons infested various areas in which they made a practice of exacting tribute from those who lived in the domains they pilfered regularly every so often. If the victims came through with the quotas assessed to them they were permitted to live on in peace till the time for collecting the next dose came around.

Pirates of the sea operated on much the same principle except there were times when they grabbed everything in sight, thus leaving the unfortunate skipper practically empty-handed. Tributes thus paid were payments made for the privilege of continuing to sail on the high seas without further molestation from the pirate robbers who sailed the ship with which they practiced their piracies.

What these robber barons of former days were in the habit of doing to everybody they got the drop on was not in any way legalized but nevertheless they got by with it year after year and both their presence and their practices were more or less accepted as necessary evils of that day. To say that these forms of robbery no longer present the serious problem they once presented may be technically true. But the tribute collections of today, on a vastly larger scale, are still being made. The chief difference is that taxes, rent, interest, licenses and endless fees are imposed by law, thus making the collections both respectable and legalized. But we pay more tribute than ever.

On Our Block

by Bob Dunn



JOKES, Etc.

A man never gets so old he isn't in there pinching.

"Yes, ma'am," said the sailor, "that's a man o' war."

"Indeed," said the lady, "and what's that little ship just in front?"

"Oh," answered the sailor, "that is a tug."

"Yes, of course," said the lady. "A tug of war. I've often heard of them."

Vic Swanson of the Operating Engineers says that an executive is a man who wears a frown on his assistant's face!

Funeral Director (to an aged mourner): "How old are you?" Aged Mourner: "I'm 97; he 98 next month."

Funeral Director: "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Clarence Lemos of the Stockton Labor Council tells about the high school lad who asked for more spending money.

"You don't know the value of a dollar, son," sighed the father.

"Yes, I do," replied the lad. "As of last week it was 62c, compared with 1939 standards."

The English teacher had been reading to the class about the great forests of America.

"And now, boys," he asked, "which one of you can tell me the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?"

Up went a hand in the front row.

"Well, Tommy?"

"The porcu!"

Two small boys were hesitant about approaching their mother for a permission that was almost certain to be denied. They felt that they must take the long shot, however.

"You ask her," said Billy to his younger brother.

"No, you."

"Oh, go on, you ask her," urged Billy.

"No, you," replied the younger brother, "you've known her longer than I have."

Otto Sargent of San Jose Building Trades Council tells about the little boy who came home from school and announced to his mother: "I'm in a fine fix at school. The teacher says I have to write more legibly, and if I do she'll find out that I can't spell."

Li'l Gee Gee, the office vamp, says she is almost desperate enough to start playing postoffice with second-class male.

"Name two ways to turn a man's head," said the professor. "Rattle money or rustle a skirt," the smart co-ed answered.

Uncle Remus comments that the worst cases of indigestion come from having to eat your own words.

The big railroad terminal was crowded when a shabby individual approached a wicket and peered inquiringly at the young woman on duty behind it.

"Excuse me, miss," he apologized, "but do you represent the Travelers' Aid Society?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Den, where's the freight yards, please?"

Mistress: "Mary, look at this figure of Venue. It's covered with dust."

Mary: "Well, ma'am, that's better than no coverin' at all."

Lid on Autos Is a Big Joke

"While Uncle Sam suddenly has got excited about a few bucks Ford and General Motors want to tack on the price of automobiles, that's a case of trying to steer a horse by the tail—definitely a wrong-end job. It ain't the original cost, Uncle, it's the turn-in."

So writes Arthur Caylor, top columnist in the San Francisco News, one of the city's leading dailies. It appeared in his column "San Francisco" on December 20. He goes on:

"The city recently turned in a used Ford on a new car for \$100. So the boys in the office of the sealer of weights and measures rushed right up to pick it off the used-car lot—an immediate turn-over. The dealer looked 'em in the eye and said \$450.

I recently thought some about a new car, myself. They told me that while the comparable model had been going up about \$500, my car, with 11,000 miles on it, had decreased \$960! That's getting 12 miles to the dollar in depreciation. It couldn't take it.

"Don't think, please, that I'm criticizing this situation. So long as people shop around, looking for the best deal, turn-in prices will be fixed by competition. That's the way it should be. But if President Truman thinks that a freeze at the top will mean new autos for less money, we might as well all start laughing.

It Costs More Now To Live Than It Ever Cost Before

Having a hard time making ends meet?

No wonder. The cost of living is now at an all-time high—and it's still on the way up.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Nov. 29 that living costs Oct. 15 rose six-tenths of one per cent above Sept. 15. That is two-tenths of one per cent above the previous record high of August and September 1948.

The BLS bases its figures on the Consumers' Price Index. The Index measures the cost of an average family's goods and services. The BLS said all principal commodities cost more in October.

A day after the BLS made its report, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics disclosed prices of farm products jumped three per cent between Oct. 15—the date of the BLS report—and Nov. 15.

Sweet Victory

In Detroit, Mich., the sweetest part of organized labor's victory in re-electing Gov. Mennen Williams came in an official recount demanded by the Republicans. The GOP paid \$21,000 to challenge Williams' tiny margin of victory and too late discovered that the recount, instead of helping the labor-haters, gave the pro-union governor a greater lead than he had previously enjoyed.

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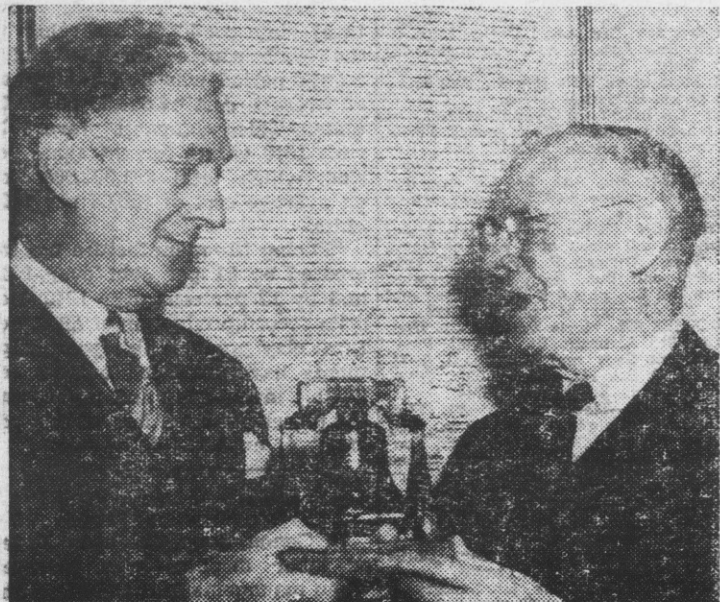
MISS CORNBROOM.—The merry lads at the National Broom Manufacturers' convention in Chicago voted Adrienne Falcon "The Girl We'd Like Most To Be Swept Off Our Feet By." (LPA)



MOMENTOUS DECISIONS.—President Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Britain, who is a dues-paying member of Britain's Clerical and Administrative Workers Union and formerly a social worker in the poor districts, are shown above at one of their conferences in which they agreed on the war against communism and on strengthening Europe's defenses against Russia.



UNION TRADITION.—Jack Brewer (left) is obligated as a member of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists in Savannah, Ga., as his father, W. E. Brewer (right), an IAM member for 27 years, presents him with a copy of the union constitution. His grandfather, John Brewer, IAM member for more than half a century, looks on. (LPA)



SAVINGS BOND AWARD.—AFL Pres. William Green (right) accepts on behalf of the AFL's eight million members a miniature replica of the Liberty Bell from E. C. Baltz of the D. C. savings bonds division, in recognition of the AFL's cooperation with the bond program.



LABOR UNITED FOR EDUCATION.—AFL Pres. William Green (left), CIO Pres. Philip Murray (right), and Machinists' Pres. Al Hayes (center), at banquet held by Roosevelt College to raise money for the college's Samuel Gompers Memorial Fund. The fund will be used to expand labor education and provide scholarships for needy students. Green said he hoped the occasion foreshadowed another "to celebrate the formation of a united labor movement." (LPA)

End Tribute To Gompers

New York.—AFL Pres. William Green urged that union members everywhere keep alive the spirit of the Samuel Gompers Centennial Year, "maintain it and build upon it."

Green formally closed the 1950 celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, in London on Jan. 27, 1850, at a memorial dinner held by the New York City Central Trades and Labor Council.

He said the year-long celebration was a great benefit to the AFL and in furthering the popular knowledge and appreciation of Gompers. He said in part:

"If we have gained from the memorial period a clearer sense of the direction of the path of action which Samuel Gompers marked out, a more vigorous approach to that path, and a renewed determination to follow it through wherever it may lead, to that extent have we done justice to the occasion. If his precepts have become more firmly rooted in our minds, so as to guide us in our response to the many challenges which face us today, then we need have no reason to doubt or question the future."

"Gompers left us this broad directive: 'Wherever there is a wrong, there is work for us to do; wherever there is a right not yet attained, there is work for us to do.' If we have gained in determination to advance that work, the course of action is clear. It is a tried and proven one. Progress will depend upon our application to it."

"We must agitate wherever wrong is ignored or passively accepted; we must educate where there is ignorance of the direction of right; and we must organize and continue to organize—not in fits and starts, but incessantly—to make possible the abolition of wrong and the establishment of right."

"I believe that our organizing campaign, viewed in this light, has proven itself, regardless of the number of new members which it might yield this year. The pattern of unified action, and cooperation between unions and state and local bodies, that has been developed through this campaign holds great promise for the future if we can but maintain it and build upon it. The energy with which it has been pursued strengthens our faith that that promise will be realized."

"We must remember, however, that organization is but one phase of the task. Education is just as important. It advances us little to increase the number of men who belong to trade unions unless with it we are able to bring about an increase in the number who are 'good trade unionists.' Good trade unionists are not produced by the mere payment of initiation dues."

"If the means by which we have commemorated the Gompers Centennial Year have helped to make better trade unionists of our members—if they have served to further imbue our members with some of the spirit and tradition of Gompers as well as the name and vital statistics—then it has served a great purpose. I believe that it has."

Ask Better Idaho Compensation Law

Ada, Idaho. (LPA)—Further liberalization of the state's workmen's compensation law has been urged by a special legislative interim committee, headed by Paul Vernon.

Recommended were increases in total disability weekly benefits to a family maximum of \$37; increases in partial permanent specific indemnity payments to a top of \$25; increase in death benefits to top of \$18; broadening provisions of the occupational disease compensation law, including blanket coverage.

Dangerous Lack Of Ships, AFL Advises Congress

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The AFL asked Congress to approve immediately a program to build ships to meet the crisis of war abroad.

In letters to every member of Senate and House, AFL President William Green and Metal Trades President James A. Brownlow urged them to "take such steps as will insure for the future a merchant marine representative of the needs of our great nation."

They inclosed copies of resolutions adopted at the AFL convention in Houston advocating that "the merchant marine be rebuilt second to none; that Congress and agencies of government cease to support foreign shipbuilding programs which are all detrimental to the economy of American shipbuilding workers, but mostly to the safety of the country."

The convention condemned "as shortsighted any policy that would have the United States rely upon the shipping of other nationals in times of peril."

The AFL, which has campaigned since the end of World War II for a merchant fleet adequate for our military, naval and commercial requirements, was joined by shipbuilders, veterans and transportation organizations in an effort to get Congress to act on a shipbuilding program.

These organizations, making up the Joint Committee for the American Merchant Marine, said that the United States is less well prepared to transport military personnel than at the time of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The urgency was demonstrated by action taken by the government during the Korean situation in taking over for troop transports three large passenger ships which actually constituted one-half of the total number of this type under construction in the whole country," the committee said.

"The alarming fact is that of 125 passenger-carrying vessels under construction in the world, the U. S. is building only six, including the three already requisitioned for troop transport."

It said the American merchant marine "is woefully deficient in fast, modern passenger-carrying vessels quickly convertible to troop transports in event of emergency."

The head of the house approached the young man.

"Look here," he said, "you've been calling here to see my daughter for a long time now. May I ask what are your intentions?"

"Well," said the suitor, "I had hoped to become an addition to your family."

"Let me tell you," was the reply, "there's nothing doing in addition. You'll have to subtract."

Wailing Over Tax On Profits Heard Often in Congress

Rep. Walter Lynch (D., N.Y.) reminded the House on Dec. 4 that Big Business always cries whenever the question of taxing profits comes up. He said:

"We have heard very consistently during the 10 or 11 years I have been here these complaints against the enactment of legislation that has to do with taxes on corporate profits. In 1941 we heard the same complaint against the price controls where profits were increasing inordinately, and again we heard the same complaint so far as the excess profits tax of 1940 was concerned."

"When we endeavored to increase the corporate tax later on we heard the same complaint."

"When we sought to limit the profits in war by renegotiation we heard the same complaint."

"Now those same complaints are again made by business saying that they would prefer increased corporate taxes and renegotiation as against the excess profits tax program here."

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In Union Circles

Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas had quite a few toys ready for distribution to needy and underprivileged children in the Salinas area for Christmas. Union Secretary Bertha A. Boles was called to San Pedro last weekend, however, and no report was available on the total collections in the union's Christmas Toy Campaign.

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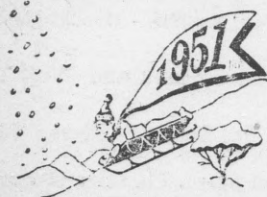
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January Sales Should Be Good; Here Are Buying Tips

January is a month of special sales and clearances in the stores, and it will be wise to see which of your forthcoming Spring needs in clothing and other goods you might pick up now.

The current post-Christmas sales are possibly the last opportunity for some months to pick up comparatively good values.

After present retail stocks are cleaned out, you can expect higher prices, beginning in March, on the following goods particularly: all woolen goods, including men's, women's and children's suits and coats; cotton clothing of all types, including men's shirts and work clothing, and women's house dress; and shoes, which even the moderate price chains will boost 50c to \$1 a pair this spring.

For example, the spring catalogs of the big mail order houses will show average price increases of 10 per cent over last fall, it has been announced.

Besides shopping the clearances of local stores to fill in your immediate needs, it would be smart to get the mid-winter clearance catalogs of the mail order houses. You can get the Sears and Ward special catalogs from their local stores or order offices, and can write to Spiegel (1061 W. 35th St., Chicago) and Alden's (511 S. Paulina St., Chicago) for theirs. These offer especially good values in broken assortments and remainders that the mail order houses can't carry over into their new catalogs.

In shopping the January clearances, whether by mail or locally, be sure you select only well-made, simply-styled goods, and the proper size. There's always some shoddy merchandise and unwanted, over-fancy styles in such clearances. If you buy any spring clothes now for children, get them large enough to allow for growth.

Here are additional tips on the January sales and other price trends:

Shoes: Perhaps the most valuable buying opportunity in the January sales is the annual shoe clearance this month. These include some staple styles as well as the dressy number stores often try to unload in clearances. While prices of shoes will be higher later in the year, you need fear no shortages, since production of civilian shoes is expected to be even greater than last year despite increased military orders. Since assortments of sizes are often incomplete in the January sales, there's always a temptation to overlook a poor fit to get a bargain. That's a mistake, for not only does the right size assure comfort but properly fitted shoes also wear longer. Don't go by the manufacturer's size stamped on the lining, because the same marked size varies among different brands. There should be a half-inch of space beyond the toes of a correctly rounded or broad-toe shoe, and even more if the shoes are more pointed. The broadest part of the shoe should come at the end of your little toe.

Furniture: While prices of furniture and household appliances have preceded clothing costs in going up, business has fallen off drastically in stores, largely due to the government's restrictions on installment credit. So retailers are showing some inclination to trim prices and give discounts. The annual February furniture sales start late in January and will offer some special buying opportunities if you can lay down the cash (which also saves you the installment fee). If you've been planning to buy a refrigerator, you can get a better price from a retailer in January, when sales of household appliances are down, than during the spring rush to buy.

Men's Suits: Most drastic price increases of all this spring will be on men's suits, which are slated to go up again this coming autumn. As previously mentioned here, best current values are solid-color worsteds (serge and worsted chevrot) or closely-woven woollens (covert, tweed, homespun). Avoid the especially high-priced gabardines, fancy patterns like glen plaid and shark-skin, and flannel, which is comparatively non-durable, in this

year of steep prices and wool scarcity. A two-piece suit is a better buy than ever, especially if you're a heavy fellow who wears out the crotch quickly.

FOOD BUYING CALENDAR

Pork is comparatively reasonable, and practically the only good buy in meat at this time, except for beef liver and tongue. Beef remains excessively high despite the fact that prices are supposed to come down this time of year. You can find good buys in fish, both fresh and frozen, especially perch, mackerel and cod.

Food speculators pushed up the price of eggs to dizzy heights last month but the cost has now receded and will come down further as production of eggs increases seasonally from now on. Use more eggs this winter in place of high-priced meat.

Butter has gone up sharply this month, which makes margarine a better buy than ever. Among cooking fats, lard is particularly reasonable right now.

In fruits, apples, oranges, tangerines, cranberries and pears are reasonable this month. Fresh produce is very high in some areas now, because of the cold weather. Switch to canned and frozen vegetables where these offer better value. Among comparatively good buys in fresh vegetables are turnips, squash, cabbage, cucumbers and kale.

Calif. Painters To Ballot on Statewide Pact

Painters locals throughout California will ballot during the next month on a referendum proposition for a state-wide painting industry agreement as a result of decisions taken by delegates to the State Conference of Painters, who met December 15, at the El Tajon Hotel in Bakersfield.

At that meeting state conference officials outlined commitments that have been obtained from painting contractor associations to get a state-wide agreement underway.

The employers offer consisted of \$2.45 an hour, a state-wide health and hospitalization plan which they will pay for at the rate of 2% of wages up to \$3,000 of annual earnings, plus a \$750 life insurance policy for each member which the insurance company will add to benefits now available through the existing health plans.

PRESENT RATES

Present rate of pay for house painters in the Bay Area is \$2.27 1/2 per hour. They have a Bay Area health and hospitalization plan paid for by the employers. The present contract covering house painters affiliated with District Council of Painters No. 8 (Bay Area) runs until June 31, 1951.

The contract would be extended to June 31, 1952, if the referendum carries on a state-wide basis.

Roland Young, council secretary, and William Seiderlund, were delegates from Painters Local 19 to the Bakersfield conference.

TOO MUCH PEACE

In Syracuse, N.Y., one of the nation's longest anti-union records was coming loose at the seams. For 80 years, since 1870, the Onondaga Pottery Co. has not been unionized although there are 40 different skilled trades in the company's two plants. Last week the 1,800 employees started to get really angry when they were handed a "voluntary" five per cent increase a few days after thousands of other Syracuse workers, in AFL and CIO unions, had secured straight 10 per cent wage raises.

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Brick and tile production during the first eight months of 1950 continued to run 6 per cent higher than any previous postwar year, it was announced today by C. Forrest Tefft, president of the Structural Clay Products Institute.

"Brick output, according to government sources, is running 12 per cent over last year," Tefft declared, "while tile production is up 13 per cent over '49, and 4 per cent over 1948, the record postwar year."

"Total shipment value of structural clay products, according to the same source, for the eight-month period was \$100,054,000, or an average cost of \$24.50 per 1000 units. This compares favorably with 1949 values for the same period, which total \$81,002,000, for an average cost of \$25.03 per 1000 units."

"Facing tile manufacture has increased by 31 per cent over 1948 and by 12 per cent over 1949. Despite record production of all structural clay products this year, shipments have exceeded output, reducing inventories and necessitating placement of orders well in advance of expected deliveries."

BOSSSES STRIKE

In Genoa, Italy, the usual order of labor disputes was reversed when management at the huge Ansaldo shipyard went on strike while union employees continued to work. For more than eight weeks management was out on strike while thousands of men kept at work on a new 25,000-ton trans-Atlantic liner. The bosses' walkout came when they tried to drop 2000, allegedly surplus employees but the employees wouldn't leave nor would the other workers.

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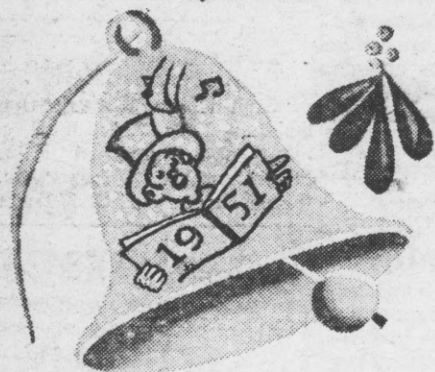
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Chicago. — Elmer Latt, 50, a member of the AFL Sheep Shearers' Union, won the international sheep shearing contest at the 1950 International Livestock Exposition in the Chicago stockyards.

Mr. Latt, an employee of Sycamore Feed Yards of Sycamore, Ill., defended his 1949 championship successfully against more than 20 of the world's best and fastest sheep shearers.

He warmed up for the contest by shearing 111 sheep the day before at his regular job in Sycamore. A good shearer can take the wool off about 100 sheep a day. The rate of pay varies from place to place; in Sycamore it is 35 cents per sheep.

The Sheep Shearers' Union was chartered originally as an international union in the AFL, but in re-

cent years has been Local 301 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen. It includes about 1500 members, with headquarters in Butte, Mont.

Mostly, it is a transient trade. Professional shearers usually start their season in February, moving north through the season.

The raw wool from a single animal sells for about \$5, although it is enough for a good \$75 suit for a man and a \$25 jacket for his lady.

The union operates a cooperative to sell work clothing and shears to its members. Since about 1930, electric shears have been in general use, although hand shearing still is done in many places.

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No Union There, So Veteran Is Fired

Toledo, Ohio (LPA).—In Toledo, Auto-Lite has a union. In Woodstock, its subsidiary, the Alemite plant, has none. So a worker was fired, three days after he turned 65. His wife lost her job too, because she couldn't get back and forth from Genoa City, Wis., unless he drove. "I think had there been a union this would not have happened," he said.

Driver of the Year

Portland, Ore., (LPA).—A million and a half miles without an accident has helped John Castner win the title of Oregon's driver of the year. Castner, who has also won the national "roadeo" truck-trailer championship twice, has been driving for 17 years.

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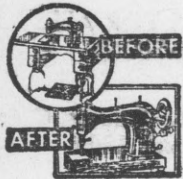
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The Mobilization

Washington (LPA).—A joint AFL, CIO and unaffiliated union labor group to ride herd on economic mobilization was formally constituted here the night of Dec. 14.

The new body, which amounts to labor unity at an important operational level, will be known as the United Labor Policy Committee. It will have 14 members—five from the AFL, five from the CIO, two from the Machinists and two from the Railway Labor Executives Association. The United Mine Workers are not represented.

Committee members are: For the AFL — President William Green; Secretary-Treasurer George Meany; Vice Presidents George M. Harrison, Dan W. Tracy and William C. Doherty. For the CIO—President Philip Murray, Vice Presidents Walter Reuther, Emil Rieve, and L. S. Buckmaster and Jacob Potofsky of the Executive Board. For the Machinists—President Al Hayes and Vice President Elmer Walker. For the Railway Labor Executives — Chairman George Leighty and Secretary-Treasurer A. E. Lyon.

The group organized itself formally by adopting the following resolution:

INDEPENDENT GROUP

1. "There is hereby established a United Labor Policy Committee consisting of five representatives of the American Federation of Labor, five representatives of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, two representatives of the Railway Labor Executives Association and two representatives of the International Association of Machinists for the purpose of dealing with problems arising out of mobilization. This committee will have no direct relationship to any government agency. It shall meet independently, holding itself in readiness to make representations to the President of the United States and government agencies having to do with mobilization problems. No alternates shall be permitted for members of this committee. A quorum shall be present at any meeting duly called when there is a representative from each of the four organizations.

JOINT ACTION

2. "The committee shall meet for the purpose of taking action upon questions relating to the mobilization and stabilization program. These meetings will be informal. Joint understandings will enable the labor movement to take united action with government agencies on important policy matters. All decisions must be reached by unanimous consent. If unanimous agreement is not secured, any organization shall be free to present its individual views to the respective government agencies.

DEAL WITH AGENCIES

3. "Problems relating to the mobilization program on such issues as manpower, production, wages and prices arise each day and will require frequent representations to government agencies. Therefore, it will be necessary to establish subcommittees for each of the main areas of the committee's function, i.e., manpower, production, wages, prices and labor personnel for government agencies; each of these subcommittees will be composed of three members, one from CIO, one from AFL, and one from the independent unions. Subcommittee members shall be members of this committee. However, they shall have the right to designate an alternate to sit on the subcommittee when they are unable to be present. The subcommittee will deal only with matters relating to its particular area of jurisdiction. Principles governing this committee in relation to unanimity shall also apply to the subcommittees.

TO MEET BI-WEEKLY

4. "The United Labor Policy Committee shall meet bi-weekly, on a date fixed by the previous meeting. Any organization may request a special meeting.

Typists Needed in
Defense Agencies

Defense agencies in the Bay Area are experiencing a serious shortage of stenographers and typists. More than 100 vacancies now exist and additional requests for qualified persons are coming in daily, according to Harry T. Kranz, regional director of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Procedures for filling these positions have been streamlined by the Civil Service Commission. No experience is required. Written tests are given daily. Typewriters will be furnished unless applicants prefer to use their own machines. Inquiries and arrangements for taking the test should be made at the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 215, Post Office Building, 13th and Alice Sts., Oakland.

Starting salaries for stenographers begin at \$204 per month and for typists at \$183 per month. All jobs include the regular federal vacation and sick leave benefits.

Civil Defense

"Civil defense is a task that must be shared by state, local government and individual citizens," Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, California Director of Civil Defense.

Dealers Lower Prices?
Nope—They Raise Them

Automobile dealers are bombarding Senators and Congressmen with appeals to relax the restrictions on installment credit. They say it's hard for them to sell any cars.

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Calif. AFL Backs Job Rights of Korea War Vets

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week announced that discussions have been inaugurated between the state AFL and the Veterans' Employment Service of the U.S. Employment agency to the end of protecting employment rights of Korean war veterans.

Haggerty met with Urban F. Stewart, Veterans Employment representative for California, and Ray Lassater, chairman of the State American Legion Employment Commission.

Stewart declared that most of the Korean war wounded have been flown back to California for hospitalization and that upon release many will remain in this state.

While the American military on Korea are not yet entitled to "veteran rights," both the American Legion and the U.S. Veterans Employment Service are convinced the necessary legislation will soon be forthcoming.

Haggerty stated that the American Federation of Labor would continue its policy of giving all possible cooperation to the returning veterans and that the excellent relationship which prevailed between the AFL, the government, and private agencies concerned following World War II would be extended to cover the veterans of Korea.

The state AFL secretary declared that labor was fully conscious of the need for cooperation in order to place the Korean veterans, and was certain the job would be done well and efficiently.

More Get Security Starting in January

Beginning in January many persons will be protected by social security for the first time.

The largest group will be self-employed persons — the butcher, baker, grocer, barber, contractor, realtor, and others who operate their own businesses.

However, social security coverage was not extended to farm owners and specified professional people, such as doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc.

Another change in social security coverage will be important in this area. This is the provision that regularly employed farm workers will be under social security, also starting next January.

Temporary farm help, such as fruit pickers, is still exempt.

Coverage is also extended to domestic employees in private homes. In general, this will include only those employed fairly regularly in a home, not baby sitters and others who are called in at regular intervals.

Employees of non-profit organizations will be covered on a voluntary basis. Social security coverage is also made available to certain federal, state, county and city employees who are not already under a retirement system.

Further information may be obtained from your local Social Security Administration field office.

No Errand Boy Role For AFL in Defense

Champaign-Urbana, Ill. — President James A. Brownlow of the AFL Metal Trades Department said that the AFL refuses to be an errand boy for politicians in the nation's defense planning.

Speaking at the Illinois State Federation of Labor's conference on Central Labor Unions at the University of Illinois, Mr. Brownlow said that the AFL insists on full participation in policy decisions.

"In the long pull," he said, "labor will have to bear the brunt of sacrifice. Therefore, it should have a voice in policy making. The AFL refuses to be an errand boy carrying out policy in which it has no representation."



CHAMP SHEEPSHEARER.—Elmer Latt of Rockford, Ill., member of the Sheep Shearers' Union affiliated with Amalgamated Meat Cutters (AFL), and champion shearer in 1949, won the contest again this year at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. The winning time: 2 minutes and 28 seconds. The day before the contest, Latt went through a practice session in which he sheared 111 sheep. (LPA)

Democracy at Home, First Line of Defense

By C. J. HAGGERTY,

Secretary-Treasurer, California State Federation of Labor

The holiday season of 1950-51 comes to the American people at a time when the need for national unity commands the attention of all who would have our country survive as a citadel of freedom and opportunity.

In this present crisis the American Federation of Labor is prepared to continue its historic role of service to the nation.

Ours has always been and ours shall always be an American movement. Traitors and renegades have spoken for many causes in our national history, but we may thank God that no traitor or renegade has ever spoken in the name of the American Federation of Labor.

During the two world wars of this century, our organization has been second to none in producing the mightiest industrial efforts that man has ever known.

We are willing and eager to serve again, but we are also determined that profiteers and grabbers shall not exploit the nation's peril.

We are equally determined that labor shall have a voice in the shaping of the defense effort, for our organization is qualified by devotion and experience to aid in the home-front campaign.

It is tragic that the shadows of war should darken the Christmas season of 1950. However, the conflict is not of our choosing. We who are disarmed must prepare once more to meet the onslaughts of aggression and tyranny.

The peaceful hopes of mankind have long since been trampled by the armies and ambitions of international communism.

In America those hopes yet live in the hearts of a people who have found in this nation a life of liberty unknown anywhere else in the world.

The American Federation of Labor in California will defend that way of life whatever the cost or sacrifice.

Our expanding and progressive unions have erected a magnificent movement here in the second largest state in the union.

We are proud of that progress, and we are proud also that the American public regards us in this hour of challenge as loyal citizens and loyal workers.

Together with all men of good will, we look to the future and pray that 1951 shall find us sharing the joys of abundant peace when the Christmas bells again ring out across the land.

And finally, together with those of good will, we shall persist in our attempts to establish a domestic society which will give to the working people of America that economic and social status to which they are entitled by their very nature. We shall persist, then, in our everlasting campaign to mold a finer and nobler nation.

AFL Press Praised For Help to Chest

New York. — AFL newspapers were praised for their promotion of 1950 Community Chest campaigns.

The comment was carried by the AFL edition of the National Newsletter of Community Chests and Councils of America, issued by the Labor Participation Department, Wilbur F. Maxwell, director. The AFL staff consists of Reg Kennedy, Joseph V. Tobin and Robert A. Rosekrans. The publication said:

"The AFL press exceeded last year's promotional effort on behalf of Community Chests and Councils. Not only was greater coverage given during campaign time but the AFL press is publishing a greater amount of stories on year-round activity of Chests, both locally and nationally."

"During the year the AFL national staff made 148 field visits. Following practice, on such visits we not only visit Chest and Council offices but we also address the regular meeting of the Central Labor Unions and other local meetings being held at the time of our visit."

The staff said it will continue to emphasize the 4-point program of year-round labor-management committees, Red Feather tours, AFL Social Work Institutes, and speakers from agencies addressing union meetings.

PHONEY WHISKEY

In New York City, AFL and CIO distillery officials were giving a fishy eye to secret plans of major whiskey manufacturers to sneak around proposed price controls. Business Week magazine disclosed that many of the biggest firms have started producing new brands at twice the normal price and with only 25 per cent and 35 per cent whiskey content. Said the magazine: "Leading distributors have created these brands in the hope that, if and when the Administration slaps on price controls, the new prices will slip by unnoticed."

Bill Smock says that most people can drink beer just as well sitting down as they can standing up, but few people can stand up as well after they have been drinking sitting down as they can sit down after drinking beer standing up.

Pay Lid Now Would Be Great Injustice, Labor Tells Board

Washington (LPA).—The stepped-up defense program America must have requires "stringent and enforceable controls" on raw material and consumer prices but the "time has not yet arrived to impose wage controls."

That was the opinion presented to the National Wage Stabilization Board Dec. 14 by President Al Hayes of the

Intl. Assn. of Machinists. He spelled out the case against wage ceilings now in great detail, demonstrating to the board that post-Korean price levels are the result of outright profiteering, not pay raises.

Hayes emphasized that the IAM is fully aware of the gravity of the world situation and the need for stern measures. The U.S. faces a "life or death struggle" with communism, "the most serious threat to our form of government and our way of life in its entire history," he pointed out.

Consequently, "we must immediately build our own defenses and assist in building the defenses of other free countries of the world, particularly those in Europe," he added, and "we must do whatever is necessary to build our own strength" even though it inevitably means "substantial changes and sacrifices" in our civilian lives.

Getting back to wages and prices, Hayes told the wage board that the Defense Production Act directs President Truman to put actual ceilings on prices but only to "stabilize" wages. Thus, the IAM chief declared, "Congress gave the President wider latitude in dealing with wages than it gave him when dealing with prices." Spokesmen for industry have insisted that the law requires ceilings to be imposed on wages in any industry in which price controls are introduced.

Here's what happened after the Korean conflict broke out, Hayes said:

Average hourly earnings of all industry have moved up slightly—from \$1.453 in June to \$1.480 three months later, a rise of 1.8 per cent. In the same period, the consumers' price index rose 2.1 per cent and has gone still higher since. Purchasing power actually has gone down in terms of prices and wages and the higher income tax has driven individual purchasing capacity down still further.

The wholesale price index was 157.3 in June. By the last week in October it had risen to 169.4. Wholesale farm prices were up 8.5 per cent. Food prices went up 7.3 per cent. Copper rose 8.9 per cent, wool 35 per cent, pig iron 6.5 per cent, oil 12 per cent, rubber 124 per cent, and tin 44 per cent. (Rubber, tin and wool are bought in the international market.)

"What logical excuse or reason can be found for these unwarranted increases in wholesale prices?" Hayes asked. "Surely not wage increases. The labor costs in most of these items are comparably small and the increased costs due to increased wages (less than 2 per cent) is negligible. We need not look further if we are sincere in trying to prevent inflation. Here we have the cause of the inflationary forces now in progress."

"Freezing or restricting wages will not stop it because increases in wages did not set these forces in motion. If we need further proof that we do not need wage restrictions at this time, permit me to point to the corporation profits."

"Annual rates of profits after taxes rose from \$17.2 billion during the first quarter in 1950 to \$24.4 billion during the third quarter, an increase of 41.8 per cent. During this same period the Federal Reserve System's production and business activity index rose about 6.5 per cent. Business Week's production index for June stood at 210.2 and in December reached 220.6, an increase of 4.9 per cent. There are no available

data to indicate that the 41 per cent increase in profits is due to increased production. There is no other answer except profiteering—wilful raising of prices which causes inflation."

Good Housing Is Needed for Welfare Of U.S. Children

(State Fed. Release)

Adoption of numerous planks in the AFL social action program featured the Mid-Century White House Conference held this month in Washington, D. C., upon the call of President Harry Truman.

Six thousand delegates from every state in the union met in the nation's capital to establish goals and standards for the development of American youth.

John F. Henning, research director of the California State Federation of Labor, represented the State AFL at the conclave.

Adopted resolutions of major concern to labor recommended the following:

(1) Immediate construction of 810,000 low-rent public housing units; development of a cooperative housing program geared to the needs of middle income families; support of slum-clearance, and use of the "need principle" in determining where defense housing should be built.

(2) Support of President Truman's civil rights program, "because it represents our faith in democracy"; removal of all racial restrictions in the nation's capital.

(3) Efforts to raise the wage earning abilities of low income groups.

(4) Schools, labor, industry and community agencies should improve and expand their personnel, evaluation, placement and vocational guidance for the occupational benefit of the young.

(5) Children of migrant and seasonal workers would be given all the protections and services available to other children, with special regard to transportation, health, housing, educational services, and protection by adequate labor laws.

(6) As an aid to the economic stability of children and their mothers, old age and survivors insurance should be further extended to cover workers not presently included and to make benefits more adequate; and similar improvements should be made in state unemployment insurance laws.

Labor-Backed Gov. Wins in Michigan

Lansing, Mich. (LPA).—The reelection of Gov. G. Mennen Williams, labor-backed Democrat, was nailed down Dec. 13 when the GOP candidate, ex-Gov. Harry F. Kelly, finally conceded.

Kelly gave up when Williams' victory margin soared to over 4000 with votes from three-fourths of Michigan's districts recounted. However, the young governor's official margin will revert to 1154, the margin he received in the first count after the Nov. 7 voting. The recount was demanded by the GOP.

Williams is the first Democrat to be elected to a second term as Michigan governor since before the first World War. He won, although both houses of the state legislature went Republican.

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Here It Is: Since '46 Wages Rise 6%, Profits Rise 43%!

(LLPE Release)

Any way you look at it, big business never had it so good. In 1936 corporate profits before taxes were \$5.7 billion. In 1950 corporations are expected to make \$37 billion. That's an increase of about 600 per cent.

After taxes, corporations earned \$4.3 billion in 1936. This year, after taxes are deducted, corporate profits probably will hit \$22 billion.

That's an increase in profits, after taxes, of close to 600 per cent. Can't kick about that, can you? Yet big business is leading the fight against an excess profits tax.

Corporate profits, before and after taxes, have more than doubled in the last 10 years alone. In 1941 corporations made \$17 billion before taxes and \$9 billion after taxes.

And, remember, this year corporate profits will total around \$37 billion before taxes and \$22 billion after taxes.

How many workers' pay envelopes are six times as fat this year as they were in 1936?

The need for an excess profits tax can be summed up in this single sentence:

Official government figures show that since 1946 weekly wages of workers, measured in terms of purchasing power, have increased only 6 per cent while net profits, measured the same way, increased 43 per cent.

Columbia Steel To Expand Double At Pittsburg Mill

Columbia Steel Company will almost double production area and capacity of its sheet and tin mill at the Pittsburg, Calif., plant by a multi-million dollar construction program already under way.

Excavation and foundation work in preparation for building the new facilities has already been started by J. H. Pomeroy & Company, San Francisco headquartered firm awarded the general construction contract.

Erection of the building structures by Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, like Columbia a United States Steel Corporation subsidiary, is scheduled to begin next February.

DUPLICATE FACILITIES

The new facilities which will virtually duplicate the present sheet and tin mill are expected to be in operation by late summer next year. Existing facilities were placed in operation during 1948 and occupy 2 1/4 acres under roof.

Included in the expansion program are extensive additions to each of the nine bay-type buildings comprising the mill. This enlargement will increase the cold-reduced sheet and tin plate production at Pittsburg by some 215,000 tons annually to a total of approximately 540,000 tons a year.

Columbia officials estimate these enlarged facilities will add another 800 workers to the plant's payroll.

Army Bigger Than Russia's Asked by AFL

Washington (LPA)—The American Federationist, official magazine of the American Federation of Labor, has asked for a U. S. armed force larger than Russia's. It says the time for talk is over, that if we want to survive we must act quickly to surpass the Soviet in military strength. Daniel Tobin, president of the AFL Teamsters, suggested also last week that the AFL drop its 65-year stand against universal military training.

Periodic check-up of your carburetor air cleaner by a competent mechanic is advised. Accumulated dust and dirt may cause hard start-

Editorial Agrees With Doctor, Says MDs Must Reform

"There is nothing very novel in a warning to the medical profession to mend some of its ways or expect to lose some of its cherished freedom. Such a warning from a leading member of the profession . . . rates as unusual, if not unprecedented, however. . . .

"When laymen say the same sort of thing—as they have time and again—they are rewarded with scorn, a condescending shrug or haughty silence. The lay critic is reminded that he isn't a doctor and so cannot know what he is talking about. . . .

"Dr. McKay, however, speaks as an honored doctor of long experience. . . . From such a source, the words should bear weight among the leaders of the medical profession."

These paragraphs are from an editorial commenting on the talk by Dr. Hamilton W. McKay of Charlotte, N. C., published Nov. 21 by the Milwaukee Journal, one of the nation's most influential newspapers.—(LLPE).

State Fed. to Open Sacramento Office

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week announced that the Federation will soon open its legislative headquarters in Sacramento.

The 1941 general session of the state legislature will be called to order Monday, January 8, and the Federation will that day open its headquarters in the Senator Hotel, directly across from the capitol.

The Federation plans to introduce some 120 bills. Eighty-one measures will seek increased benefits and extended coverage for unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workmen's compensation. Eighteen bills will seek general changes in the labor code.

Top AFL measures will be efforts to obtain a \$40 maximum weekly benefit for unemployment and disability insurance and workmen's compensation; extension of present social security legislation to agricultural workers; creation of a Fair Employment Practices Commission, and a \$1.25 minimum wage.

Portland Labor Pool Raided By Outsiders

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—Portland will find itself without workers to man its shipyards unless employment picks up soon. E. A. Bird, secretary of the AFL Metal Trades, claims that government contractors in Alaska and at the Pasco atomic power plant are bleeding this community of electricians, machinists, welders, steamfitters, plumbers and other metal trades craftsmen.

"We haven't had local jobs for more than three years, except for a few days' work on ships in drydock," Bird said. "We have tried to keep first-class craftsmen here, but they will have to get jobs if we are to hold them."

Apprentices Going Into Service Must Have Records Right

Apprentices who are entering the armed services were today cautioned by local labor and management apprenticeship committees to make sure that the records of their training are in order to avoid confusion and possible loss of credit when they return to civilian life. An over-all labor and management committee to advise on the training of Alameda County apprentices during the critical mobilization period is under consideration, according to William Harold Oliver, spokesman for the group.

The procedure to be followed by the apprentice, employer and local apprenticeship committee, as outlined by the combined Joint Apprenticeship Committees, is as follows:

(1) Upon receiving his induction or recall notice, an apprentice should immediately inform his employer, union secretary, and secretary of his local joint apprenticeship committee of his intention to enter the armed forces. If the apprentice is a veteran, receiving benefits under the provision of Public Law 346 (GI Bill) or Public Law 16, and he is ordered to active duty by the reserves or National Guard, he should immediately notify his local Veterans Administration Office. A failure to do this could result in a forfeiture of a portion of his rights under the law.

Before leaving his job, the apprentice should make sure that his work record is up-to-date, including his experience on the job and the related instruction he has received. The apprentice should obtain a certified copy of this record.

(2) An employer, when notified that an apprentice is entering the armed forces should write a letter or phone the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, 1531 Webster Street, Oakland, requesting that the apprenticeship agreement be suspended, giving effective date of suspension and "entry into the armed forces" as reason for the suspension. A copy of this letter should be sent to the local joint apprenticeship committee.

The employer should give the apprentice a certified copy of his work record showing the amount of apprenticeship served to suspension date.

(3) When a local joint labor-management apprenticeship committee is notified that one of its apprentices is entering the armed services the apprentice's record should be checked to see that it is up-to-date so that the apprentice will get full credit when he re-enters civilian life.

"Following this procedure will simplify the re-entry of the apprentice into his craft and will save the employer and the local joint apprenticeship committee a great deal of work and confusion," Oliver said.

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Washington (LPA).—AFL meatcutters and grocery clerks will get raises of 10 cents an hour in major chain food stores here. They include 1500 clerks in Safeway, A&A and American stores, and 1000 butchers and helpers in the same three stores and Food Fair.

Weekly increases will be \$4.50 they work 45 hours. Clerks had \$5 weekly increase negotiated in April by Local 639-A, AFL Grocery Clerks. Basic rate for beginners is now \$55 a week, while two-year men get \$68.

Local 555, AFL Meatcutters, gained the 19-cent hourly increase for their members and an additional 10 cents premium for work after store hours. Their one-year contract gives \$56 for apprentice \$72 for journeymen after three years' experience, \$85 to \$110 for head meatcutters, \$49.50 to \$54 for weighers and wrappers in service markets.



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THE LITTLE THINGS

By FRANK F. ADAMEC
(In the AFL "Painter & Decorator")

The seemingly insignificant things of life seem to count for so much in the lives of the little men and women who carry out the orders and drudge through the live-long day so that the play-boy could have the time of his life. To that play-boy's friend, the casual observer, those little things are hardly worth the effort that goes into a pounding of the

bricks. But a few cents more in the weekly or semi-monthly pay for every hour toiled, an extra day added to the vacation-time, an extra day added to the sick-leave, and all with no reduction in pay, looks like a lot to those strivers, especially when granted by some stalwart unbegrudgingly, some lad in his high and mighty position of authority.

Why do the strikers take this position? Simply because the play-boy would hardly miss those things to make a big to do about them. But when that big boss-man denies to those mites the few cents extra for each hour toiled, when he denies that extra day of sick-leave or extra day of vacation, what have those little folks to point to as having achieved? Yes, indeed! It's the little things that count for so much in the lives of the little workers.

However, those little fellows know that when added up those little things may mount. It is this that the big boss-man realizes when all of the bills come to one pocket and all of the extras are paid out of another and all in the same pants, it all means a little less time for petting and fondling. But then, that play-boy shouldn't holler as if hurt. At least he shouldn't kick so loudly. He'll still have a goodly sum to throw away on his fling.

ALSO LIKES LEISURE

Perhaps, the little mites wouldn't know what to do with the extra dollars and time. Yet our little fellow does love to play about after his stint, and no foolin'. There are such things in his life as baseball games, fishing and hunting and many other things. And, oh yes, the little woman. She probably will want to look after the kids, and perhaps count her pennies. Those little things all add up when counted, for she and her lord and master have wrested those things for themselves and their kind, and all from the greedy hands of that same play-boy.

There is no telling what that big boss-man will do in a pinch when asked to come through with the little insignificant things for the little toilers. Should that big lad be of the sympathetic type, he could easily fathom the logic of those strikers. The lad would thus know that the worker does have a yearning for the small things of life. The big lad could tickle the palate of both sides of the house if he would. The big lad could give the master of the house his fling. He could give the little woman a chance to count her gains. He could, if he chose, be a good egg.

But alas! most of those big lads are not built along those lines. Not enough of them, acting in unison, would make the strike unnecessary. In fact, the big fellow on the wrong side is the first to shout "wild-cat strike" as soon as the boys and gals line up out front. Such a big lad is ready to call the cops at any time to ply their nightsticks on the heads of the strikers who dared them. Such a lad seems to be the very first to run to the state's legislators for a remedy to ease his imagined wrongs. "The things that those boys are out for are insignificant and unnecessary," those boys chant as if led by a cheer-leader. "So why clutter up the street with them?"

LITTLE AT A TIME

But the milling fellows do care. They do want the insignificant things that the big lads would cry down. They do want those things that count up to a lot in the long run. And so the thing goes on until some big lad gets the idea that he's had enough. It is then that the whole contraption is oiled and made ready for the next round, which will include many of those insignificant things that count up to a lot. And so the whole thing is repeated. And right here, one might ask: "Why must men in economics go through with all of

this every so often?" This question may be answered with the statement that the boys who could do the most to do away with this silly practice, if they only would, will not act. But those big lads, fed up on the idea that the striker is stepping on their toes, seem to be of the opinion that such is the fact. They chose, instead, to come through with the old bromide about the workers not knowing what they want. The boys surely are striking for the unnecessary thing.

Another good way to figure things seemingly thrown away on the mite, but mostly, of course, from the big man's engle, is that it takes a lot of round dollars to buy the things needed by the play-boy in his business of playing about, or, why waste those round dollars on the toiler? This is not a wrong way of figuring the thing out, that is, from the boss-man's side. Naturally, this quirk leaves out of consideration any of the uncouth, those rough and ready boys and gals on the outside looking in. Only those who have acquired the finesse of handling the dough may be considered. Be it remembered that those things must be set in order, else the whole thing would break down, and all of that would be just too bad for the toiler. Not that the general breakdown would affect the big boss-man. He would doubtless stay at the helm, due no doubt, to a very superior brain.

HAD THEIR FLING

There are many who would up and question the logic of this reasoning. But in case those doubters should some day pin down the fine-feathered birds, they would hear a lot of queer arguments as to why those high and mighty ones may be kept on. In case one takes for granted that the mites lack the necessary brainpower to stay on top with the present management, the question immediately comes to the fore as to whether or not those workers would make as sad a job of it as have those who had their earlier fling.

And so one comes back to the old question as to the logic of granting to the little toilers the things that they shout for, the little things of life. To this, the big lad says emphatically "No!" The mite shouts as emphatically "Yes!" The sympathetic observer would be inclined to side with the toiler on this issue. That observer would advocate giving the thing a try, just to see what happens. Perhaps, on this score our old friend "Winnie" taken out of office by the independent voters of Merry Old England, was right when he said that the common lad hasn't brains enough in his head to direct him in out of the rain, or words to that effect. Yet one hardly need go so far for an illustration. The point is clear, since there are plenty of boys in our own land to take over the chores. Perhaps, those boys out of their willingness to go in as pinch-hitters would put their foot into the mouth every time that they opened it, but they'd have a try, anyway.

"GOT NO BEEF"

"It doesn't seem like the logical thing to do. The boys haven't a sound leg to stand on," says the head-man with his big authority, and ably seconded by his old sidekick, the casual observer of things economic. These organized boys and gals shouldn't try to make a big man swallow such a pill. "When I put my foot down, it stays down," the big lad mumbles on. The boys and gals don't seem to mind at all if the two cronies eye them. They pound the bricks just the same.

Those boys and gals know what it means to them to have the best friends of their organization unceremoniously taken from the lineup for some imagined infraction of the house rules. To be forced to rehire these lads is a

Billion Dollars in Defense Housing Is Planned

Washington (LPA)—The Housing & Home Finance Agency is drafting a program to provide a billion dollars worth of housing for workers in defense industries. If President Truman approves the plan it will be sent to Congress for legislative action.

In general, the bill will call for relaxing present tight home loan curbs and more liberal federal loan insurance for private builders in defense areas. In addition, it will call for direct governmental construction of low cost housing for defense workers.

Housing officials emphasize that the bill wouldn't loosen the credit restrictions on non-defense housing. Once built, the dwellings would be rented to workers at normal rates. On government-built projects the government wouldn't take profits.

bitter pill, indeed! Our head-man doesn't like it at all. The boys in the milling line know what it means to have their best men thrown out. The whole affair is not petty. In fact it is a well-considered plan of the head-man of the firm to be rid of that crew. These things are known to the strikers, who mean to keep the dependable lads among them. The whole issue is not petty and insignificant despite the efforts of the big fellow to so characterize it. He may shout that his company will fight the thing to a stand-still, even should it take years of their time, but the warning goes unheeded, the strikers going on with the work ahead of them. To anyone knowing all the facts, it is a wonder that the firm would try a thing so threadbare. To take a worker out of the line-up and to make him surrender his seniority rights seems beyond the comprehension of an honest man. There seems to be nothing little in the whole affair.

DIVINE PENSION

Such is the pull of the little thing. When a free-born worker is denied anything even by the big boss-man of the firm, the boy is well on the road towards creating a full distrust of all who try to talk the issue over with his representatives of the conference table. "Why have faith in anybody or anything, when a fellow says one thing and all the time he means something else? This question keeps on repeating itself. How else would a sane man have the lad react to the facts in the case, when he hears the boss-man giving a full backing to the wage-cutting advice of a mutton-chop banker to his fellows. "A lesser wage," he says, "would require less money each week to make out the necessary pay-roll."

The striking worker can't seem to understand this queer quirk. They can not seem to understand why the little thing should be put down, while the big thing is advocated by old mutton-chops, such as a yearly pension of \$200,000 dollars and a yearly salary of \$20,000 dollars should be given to the fellow with the mere nerve of asking for same. Why should the boss-man give a full backing to the one and not the other? The strikers make no such demands on their head-man. This combined salary and pension would go a long way towards satisfying a lot of the boys and gals milling out front.

The big boys can't seem to understand the opposition to their fine plans, or don't they choose to understand the determination of the strikers? And so, man has two schools of thought on this issue: The worker's side is, of course, insignificant and hardly worth the trouble of letting the world know about the unfairness of the controversy by means of a strike and a picket-line. The boss-man's side, according to the tally, is the only side worth considering. Take your pick! Yet our sympathetic observer can hardly agree with the big boss-man on this. "Why pick flies off of the little worker," he asks, and there the whole matter lays. Yet all men may take sides with him on this Little Things Issue.



HITS CREDIT CURBS.—Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers (CIO) tells a House-Senate watchdog committee on defense production that Regulation W, which sets high down payments and big monthly payments for installment purchases of auto, refrigerators, and other items, is a big burden on low income groups. He urged that it be dumped, and price controls be established instead. (LPA)

Grayson's Run-out On Agreement With Clerks Union Hit

AFL union organizations pride themselves with the scrupulousness with which they observe agreements—both written and verbal.

AFL Clerks Local 777 of Los Angeles is no exception. Not only they, but the entire labor movement in the Los Angeles area are currently aroused over the Grayson run-out on an agreement providing for the check-off, and union recognition. As a result some 12 of the 22 Grayson chain stores have been placed on the unfair list of the State Council of Retail Clerks.

The Clerks and other unions, notably the Teamsters, have long had trouble with the anti-union bias of Grayson's. The company's attitude toward the unions only intensified their efforts to organize the company's employees. Recently the Los Angeles clerks completed an intensive organizing campaign among Grayson's employees which the company recognized, or appeared to recognize, by agreeing to a union shop agreement, including dues check-off.

But they demanded that the Clerks submit proof that the great majority of their employees actually belonged to the union. They asked for a list of their employees that had joined the union. If such a list did, indeed, contain a majority of their workers, the company, Grayson promised, would recognize the union, would grant a check-off system as a condition of such recognition.

The list was submitted in good faith and the company immediately began using it as the basis for an intensive anti-union drive. Employees were intimidated to the point where they were forced to quit. The company refused to honor its commitment.

This week there was a good possibility that the boycott may be spread to the Bay Area unless the company changes its anti-union tactics, agrees to recognition, signs a formal contract granting conditions prevailing throughout the department store industry in this area.

Larry Vail, secretary of the State Council of Retail Clerks, was scheduled to confer with Grayson officials in San Francisco on Monday of this week. The fact that Grayson had been willing to even discuss its anti-union campaign was taken by observers as a sign that Grayson has felt the effects of the boycott in force in the South.

Walks Off Job and Out of the Country

In Mexico City, which recently survived a strike of 200 union bull-fighters, sports fans were appalled at the result of a two-week strike of professional jal-alai players. Instead of wasting effort on picket lines, they emigrated en masse to Cuba and Miami where they were guaranteed higher salaries.

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Voluntary Health Plans Not Enough, AFL Aide Declares

Nashville, Tenn. (LPA)—Voluntary health plans serve a useful, but limited purpose, William A. Calvin told a regional industrial health conference here. Calvin, acting director of the AFL social insurance department, called for a national health insurance program. A satisfactory program, he said, should include complete care and treatment, regardless of ability to pay. "There should be no double standard, based on ability to pay," he declared.

MARK 50 YEARS

San Francisco.—Local 85, AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, first Teamster union organized west of the Mississippi river, honored 48 charter members at a 50th anniversary celebration.

YOUR OWN DOCTOR WITH HEALTH PLAN

(LLPE Release)

Do you wonder just how national health insurance would work for you?

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You would also be entitled to: Laboratory and x-ray services. Costly medicines. Home nursing, within limits. Dental care, within limits.

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2.—You and your family would get these benefits if you were employed, a farmer, or were in business for yourself. You would make small regular payments out of your income into a government insurance fund, just like Social Security.

The payments made by people on wages and salaries would be matched by equal payments from their employers.

You would be eligible for these benefits also if you were retired under Social Security or a government retirement plan, or if you were receiving public aid and your contribution was paid by a local or state agency.

3.—The health insurance fund would be distributed to local communities by the states. In your locality, a board made up of representative citizens and doctors (the doctor members to be selected by the doctors themselves) would handle the funds and determine the method of payment.

4.—Your doctor, specialist and hospital would be paid out of the fund handled by the local committee—instead of your paying them directly.

That's the only difference from the present method. Your medical bills would be paid on an insurance basis rather than individually on the "catastrophe" basis.

Nevada Graft

In Las Vegas, Nevada, AFL and CIO political leaders decided that in the next election they would campaign for higher salaries for state executives as a means of combatting corruption. They made their decision after U. S. Senate crime committee investigators discovered that while Lt. Gov. Cliff Jones gets only \$600 a year he has an interest in three gambling spots and rakes in \$12,000 a year from one of them.



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